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Annals of Liberality, Generosity, Public Spirit, &c.

NEW SERIES—No. I.

"On eagles' wings, immortal, scandals fly,
"While virtuous actions are but born and die."

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and "glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matt. v. 16.

I.

The working people at the Flat Rock factory, when the collections were making for the Greeks, about a year since, devoted the proceeds of one day's labour to the support of the glorious cause. The amount was $43\frac{22}{100}$ dollars.

II.

John D. Moore, a hairdresser, of Columbia, S. C. devoted the earnings of one week's labour to the same glorious cause. The proceeds, twenty dollars, were remitted to the treasurer of the Greek fund in this city, W. Meredith, Esq.

The two preceding instances of liberality, with which I commence this number, may not, at the first glance, appear entitled to be recorded among the splendid and magnificent donations and bequests recorded in these annals. This is a very erroneous idea, and is in the teeth of the instructive lesson afforded by the widow's mites. Two individuals might be produced, one of whom, by a donation of twenty dollars, would be more liberal than another by a donation of five hundred.

"And there came a certain widow, and *she threw in two mites*, which make a "farthing:

"And he called unto his disciples, and saith unto them: Verily I say unto you, "that this widow has cast more in, than all they which have cast into the trea-"sury:

"For all they did cast in of their abundance: but she of her want did *cast in* "*all she had, even all her living*."

III.

Samuel, John, and William Philips, Esqrs. of Boston, bestowed on the Andover Academy $ 50,000. The name of Philips is entitled to a conspicuous niche in a temple devoted to the honour of men of large and liberal souls.

IV.

The above William Philips, Esq. lately subscribed one thousand dollars to the Bunker's Hill Association.

V.

Messrs. Samuel Richards, Robert Ralston, Samuel Archer, and Samuel Wetherill, in 1815, bestowed two valuable city lots, 164 feet front and 134 feet deep, one for the purpose of building an Asylum for Orphans, the other for Indigent Widows. On these lots two large, handsome, and commodious buildings have been erected. The one contains eighty orphans, to whose education particular attention is paid—the other contains twenty-five widows, for whom a comfortable provision is made for life.

VI.

John Keble, a native of England, a private citizen of Philadelphia, where he arrived at a very early age, by the most rigorous economy, amassed a handsome fortune, which he vested in the hands of the episcopal ministers of this city, to be devoted to benevolent and charitable purposes. The distribution was as follows:

To the contributors of the Pennsylvania Hospital	$ 20,800	
To the Philadelphia Dispensary - - -	16,812	94
To the Magdalen Society - - - - -	14,580	78
To the Welsh Society - - - - -	3,077	74
To the Humane Society - - - - -	2,218	50
To the Society for the Relief of the Poor and aged Members of the German Lutheran Congregation in the City of Philadelphia - - - - - -	1,075	
To the Pennsylvania Society for the abolition of Slavery	1,096	
To the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of Charity Schools - - - -	3,184	50
To the Hibernian Society for the Relief of Emigrants from Ireland - - - - - -	3,127	94
To the German Society for the Relief of distressed Germans - - - - - - -	3,271	94
To the Society for the Relief of Poor and distressed Masters of Ships - - - - - -	5,335	50
To the Society for the Institution and Support of Sunday Schools - - - - - -	2,198	
To the Scots Thistle Society - - - -	3,349	17
To the University of Pennsylvania - - -	7,413	83
To the Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia - - - - -	15,057	63
To the Philadelphia French Benevolent Society -	704	64
	$ 103,114	11

By his marriage, he had acquired some considerable property, which he bequeathed among his wife's relations.*

VII.

A Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, was lately sold under mortgage, and was purchased by a Mr. Judah Touro, a Jew, a native of New England, to prevent its being devoted to any other purpose than that for which it was originally intended. Worship is celebrated in it by the society by whom it was formerly owned.

VIII.

David Sears, Esq. of Boston, lately purchased the City Market, for $ 60,000; for which he made a deed to the City of Boston, on the following terms—that the income shall be funded annually, and that half the interest arising from the fund shall be paid for the use of him and his heirs, to the Wardens of St. Paul's Church; the other half to be expended from time to time, first in ornamenting the Common, improving the Mall, and building a wall round the pond; and then for such public improvements in the City of Boston, as the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being shall think fit to be made.

IX.

Miss Knox lately bequeathed to the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick $ 2000, for the education of indigent students.

X.

Mr. Sheldon Clarke, of Oxford, has bestowed 6000 dollars on Yale College, 1000 of which have been recently given for the purpose of endowing a scholarship in that institution.

* Mease's Picture of Philadelphia.

XI.

Ebenezer R. Dexter, Esq. Marshal of the state of Rhode Island, who died recently, bequeathed his whole fortune, supposed to amount to 60,000 dollars, for the purpose of erecting an asylum for the poor in the town of Providence.

XII.

The late Israel Walters, of Charlton, in Massachusetts, bequeathed the interest of $ 10,000 to the Academy in Leicester, so long as it shall continue to be located there. In case of its removal, the bequest is to be transferred to the town, to be devoted to literary objects.

XIII.

The Synod of Philadelphia lately engaged to found a professorship in the theological seminary in Princeton, at an expense of 25,000 dollars. In two weeks $ 5,000 were subscribed in Baltimore, and 13,000 in Philadelphia. Among the donors in this city were the following gentlemen :—

Solomon Allen - - - - -	$ 3000
Silas E. Weir - - - - -	2000
Alexander Henry - - - - -	1600
William Brown - - - - -	1000
Robert Ralston - - - - -	1000

XIV.

Godfrey Haga, a very respectable citizen of Philadelphia, who died a few days since, bequeathed nearly the whole of his large fortune to religious and charitable purposes :—

To the Pennsylvania Hospital - - - -	$ 1000
To the Northern Dispensary - - - -	1000
To the Southern Dispensary - - - -	1000
To the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb	1000
To the German Society - - - -	2000
To the Bible Society - - - - -	4000
To the Widow's Asylum - - - -	5000
To the Orphan Asylum - - - -	10,000
To sundry persons - - - - -	50,500
To the Brethren's Church, the Moravian Church, in Philad.	2000
For the relief of superannuated preachers, their widows, and missionaries and their widows, belonging to the Brethren's Church - - - - - -	6000
To the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, - - - - - - -	20,000
This constitutes a fund, the interest of which is to be applied by the Society for the purpose of educating pious young men at Nazareth Hall, for the Gospel Ministry.	
And what is more rare, and, on the whole, more commendable, *he expended in charity*, DURING HIS LIFE, more than - - - - - -	100,000
The residue of his estate, valued at more than - -	200,000
	$ 403,500

Is bequeathed to the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, and to be appropriated from time to time, as the Society shall direct.

XV.

The late Mr. John Withington has bequeathed part of his estate as follows:

Baptist Church in Oliver street	$ 10,000
Poor fund of do.	5,000
New York Baptist Missionary Society	1,000
Columbia College at Washington	5,000
General Convention Baptist Church	10,000
American Bible Society	10,000
Baptist Theological Society	1,200
	$ 42,200

XVI.

In 1814, the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten bequeathed $ 21,840 to the trustees of Queen's College, New Brunswick, for the support and education of young men in classical and theological studies.

XVII.

Henry Rutgers, Esq. of New York, bestowed $ 1000 for the same purpose in 1822.

XVIII.

The Consistory of the Collegiate Churches in New York, bestowed $ 5000 for the same purpose.

XIX.

The following are a few of the other donations received for the above purpose.

Rev. John H. Livingston, Abraham Van Wert, Isaac Heyer, Abraham Brinckerhoff, and Lawrence Proudfoot $ 500 each $ 2500

FOREIGN.

XX.

Sir Guy Carleton, after the fall of Ticonderoga, and the retreat of the American army, was informed by a captain Richard England, that a party of the fugitives was near, whom he could intercept and capture, which exploit he was desirous to be permitted to perform. Sir Guy asked him "what would you do with them? Have you spare provisions for them? Would you send them to Quebec to starve? No, let the poor creatures go home, and carry a tale which will serve his majesty more effectually than their capture."

XXI.

The late Earl of Bridgewater bequeathed 6000*l.* or 27,000 dollars per annum for ever, for the employment and improvement of the poor of the parish of Ashbridge, in Hertfordshire.

XXII.

A farming society exists in Ireland, on a large and liberal scale, calculated to produce a copious harvest of public benefit. It consists of above 1000 members, who have paid on admission ten guineas each.

N. B. The Editor of this collection, believing that from the imitative principle inherent in mankind, the promulgation of examples of liberality, generosity, and all the social virtues, has a direct tendency to inspire an exalted spirit of beneficence and goodness, is desirous of continuing this publication monthly, or oftener, provided he can procure sufficient materials. He respectfully solicits communications from all those who are desirous of meliorating the moral condition of their fellow men—and regrets that his sanguine expectations of co-operation have hitherto been almost altogether disappointed.

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